

R E M A R K S**A. INTRODUCTION**

Claims 60, 73-89, 91-114 and 116-121 are pending.

Claims 60, 73-81, 88, 96-103, 105 and 116-121 are rejected.

Claims 82-87, 89, 91-95, 104, 106-110 and 112-114 are withdrawn.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on September 2, 2008 with Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Conference. A decision of the conference was mailed on March 2, 2009.

B. NO APPEAL BRIEF TO BE FILED / NO COSTS AUTHORIZED

No Appeal Brief will be filed in this Application. Applicants have elected at this time to allow this Application to lapse for business reasons and to pursue the disclosed subject matter in a pending continuing application (and possibly one or more other continuing applications).

This paper is not a request for continued examination.

Applicants do not concede to, and to the contrary maintain their traverse of, the present rejections in this Application, for at least the reasons summarized in the Remarks accompanying the Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Conference. Applicants reserve the right to and will submit such arguments as appropriate in pursuing the subject matter in other applications.

C. CONCLUSION

No costs are authorized by this paper.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 438-6408 or via electronic mail at mddowns@finchamdowns.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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